



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Fresh New Stars of *Tomorrow, When the War Began* Announced

With filming to commence this month, ABC3 and Ambience Entertainment are pleased to introduce the fabulous young cast of the highly anticipated television series, **Tomorrow, When the War Began**.

Adapted from John Marsden's bestselling novels, the 6 x 1 hour series will star **Molly Daniels** (*You're Skitting Me*, *The Librarians*) as Ellie, **Jon Prasida** (*Hiding*) as Lee, **Narek Arman** (*Packed to the Rafters*, *Dance Academy*) as Homer, **Madeleine Madden** (*The Code*, *Redfern Now*) as Corrie, **Fantine Banulski** (*Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries*, *You're Skitting Me*) as Robyn, **Keith Purcell** (*Neighbours*) as Chris and newcomers **Madeleine Clunies-Ross** as Fi and **Andrew Creer** (WAAPA) as Kevin.

This fresh new talent will be complemented by a line up of acclaimed Australian actors including **Sibylla Budd** (*Winners and Losers*, *The Secret Life of Us*), **Deborah Mailman** (*Redfern Now*, *Black Comedy*, *Offspring*), **James Stewart** (*Hiding*, *Packed to the Rafters*) and **Alison Bell** (*Offspring*, *Laid*).

This dramatic adventure series tells the story of a group of teenagers who are separated from their families following an invasion of their country, a conflict they never saw coming. The dilemmas faced by these characters are important and compelling. In a time of rapidly changing world events, the themes of **Tomorrow, When the War Began** have never been more relevant.

Producer Michael Boughen said, "This is an exceptional cast of talented performers completely engaged with the material who will bring a new, dynamic energy to the story."

ABC Head of Children's TV, Deirdre Brennan said, "We are proud to welcome an outstanding cast to this ground-breaking production for young Australians – an incredible combination of ABC3 alumni, new faces and established local talent. I know our audience will be excited to see these characters brought to life on our screens!"

Director Brendan Maher said "Given the right circumstances everyone can be a hero. Our characters are faced with heart thumping jeopardy and spirit breaking dilemmas. How will they react? John Marsden has given us a truthful, enriching template on how to be the best we can."

**Tomorrow, When the War Began** will commence shooting on location in and around Melbourne from 14 September. The series will air on ABC3 in 2016.

**Production Credit:** An Ambience Entertainment Production in association with ABC3, Screen Australia and Film Victoria. Produced by Michael Boughen and Tony Winley. Directed by Brendan Maher. Executive Producers Kim Vecera, Matthew Street and Christopher Mapp.

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